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In accordance with a telephone conversation with Ms. Steele of the Office of Initial Patent Examination on November 5, 2004, enclosed is a copy of priority document JP2000-340597. Please contact Deborah Drake at 703-412-7021 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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